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## COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

### Mission:

The USS WHITE PLAINS is a Combat Stores Ship, designed to operate with various battle groups and provide them with support in the form of food, fuel, general supplies and repair parts. This logistical support enables a battle group to remain at sea for prolonged periods of time. The USS WHITE PLAINS accomplishes this mission through both connected, or alongside, replenishment (CONREP) and vertical replenishment (VERTREP), using two CH-46 helicopters.

### Organization Structure:

Senior Command - Commander, Logistics Group, Western Pacific

Commanding Officer - Captain B. W. Patton  
Captain R. Y. Weber

Executive Officer - Lieutenant Commander D. B. Halstead  
Lieutenant Commander P. J. Sunkle

### Department Heads

Supply - Captain R. W. Werthmuller

Engineering - Lieutenant Commander R. T. Anderson

Deck - Lieutenant Commander M. E. Backstrom  
Lieutenant Commander R. Robinson

Operations - Lieutenant Commander Davison  
Lieutenant M. John

Navigation - Lieutenant B. Manning

Medical - Lieutenant C. H. Livesay

### Homeport:

Apra Harbor, Guam, Marianas Islands

## USS WHITE PLAINS COMMAND HISTORY

### CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF EVENTS

Jan 02, 1991	Holiday Routine Ends. DPMA Begins
Jan 03, 1991	Enlisted Personnel Start Move Off to BEQ and Berthing Barge
Jan 07, 1991	MTT Comes Aboard
Jan 16, 1991	1000 K: Radio Broadcast Announces U.S. Has Declared War on Iraq.
Jan 21, 1991	Martin Luther King Day Celebrated on the Mess Decks
Feb 17, 1991	Ship's Picnic at Polaris Point
Feb 21, 1991	RADM TOBIN Comes Aboard to Tour Ship, and Address Wardroom and Chiefs on Ship's Status, the War, and DPMA
Feb 28, 1991	1100 VADM BENNETT Attends Luncheon with Chiefs and Officers at Club Macambo 1800 Wardroom Attends Social at RADM PERKIN'S House for VADM BENNETT.
Mar 03, 1991	Ship's Company Moves Back on Board
Mar 12, 1991	0400 Commence Undocking from Dry Dock, SRF NAVSTA GUAM, and Move to K-Wharf, NAVSTA GUAM
Mar 15, 1991	Seven Female Enlisted from the USS HALEAKALA Arrive TAD
Mar 17, 1991	Eight More Female Enlisted from the USS HALEAKALA Arrive TAD
Mar 29, 1991	USS HALEAKALA Females Depart for their Ship.
Apr 06, 1991	USS WHITE PLAINS Awarded Battle "E"
Apr 10, 1991	LOA Begins
Apr 12, 1991	LOA Ends Successfully
Apr 18, 1991	Fast Cruise
Apr 19, 1991	Ship Shifts To Ship's Power
Apr 22, 1991	Underway from Guam for Sea Trials
Apr 23, 1991	Return from Sea Trails
May 08, 1991	Underway for 50 Cal Gun Shoot
May 14, 1991	Underway for Squats with USS HALEAKALA

May 18, 1991	Arrive Back Inport Guam
May 20, 1991	First Ship's Company Enlisted Females Embark
May 21, 1991	0900 Underway for Deployment
May 25, 1991	Arrive Subic Bay, RP
May 27, 1991	Underway from Subic Bay, RP
Jun 01, 1991	Arrive in Phuket, Thailand for Liberty
Jun 03, 1991	Underway from Phuket, Thailand Heading for the Arabian Gulf
Jun 09, 1991	Turn over with the USS NIAGARA FALLS
Jun 12, 1991	Arrive Fujirah, U.A.E.
Jun 13, 1991	Leave Fujirah, U.A.E.
Jun 14, 1991	VERTREP the ARG: USS MOBILE, USS DENVER, USS GERMANTOWN, USS PEORIA, USS NEW ORLEANS, AND USNS ANDREW J. HIGGINS
Jun 17, 1991	Arrive Jebel Ali, U.A.E.
Jun 19, 1991	Leave Jebel Ali, U.A.E. VERTREP USS TRIPOLI
Jun 20, 1991	VERTREP USS CAMDEN, USS RENTZ, and USS CHANCELORVILLE
Jun 21, 1991	Arrive Bahrain
Jun 22, 1991	Leave Bahrain
Jun 22, 1991	VERTREP USNS HAROLD E. HOLT, USS TEXAS REPLENISH USS LEADER, USS GUARDIAN, USS ADROIT
Jun 23, 1991	VERTREP USS KAUFMAN, USS WHIPPLE, HMAS DARWIN
Jun 24, 1991	Arrive Jebel Ali, U. A. E.
Jun 26, 1991	Leave Jebel Ali, U. A. E.
Jun 26, 1991	Respond to Medical Emergency on Merchant Vessel OLYMPIA. Helo carry out medical evacuation with ship's doctor.
Jun 27, 1991	Arrive Bahrain
Jun 28, 1991	Leave Bahrain
Jun 29, 1991	REPLENISH USS LEADER, USS GUARDIAN, USS ADROIT VERTREP USS TEXAS, USS UNDERWOOD, USS LEAHY, USS WHIPPLE
Jun 30, 1991	VERTREP USS KAUFMAN

Jul 01, 1991	Arrive Jebel Ali, U. A. E.
Jul 05, 1991	Leave Jebel Ali, U. A. E.
Jul 06, 1991	VERTREP USS UNDERWOOD, USS DARWIN, USS KAUFMAN, USNS HAROLD E. HOLT REPLENISH USS LEADER, MV VIVI, MV CELENA
Jul 07, 1991	VERTREP USS UNDERWOOD, USS LEAHY REPLENISH USS ADROIT, USS GUARDIAN
Jul 08, 1991	VERTREP USS ARKANSAS
Jul 10, 1991	VERTREP USS NIMITZ
Jul 11, 1991	VERTREP USS NIMITZ, USS CHANCELORVILLE
Jul 12, 1991	CONREP USNS HAROLD E. HOLT
Jul 13, 1991	VERTREP USS TEXAS, USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN
Jul 14, 1991	VERTREP the ARG: USS MOBILE, USS DENVER, USS GERMANTOWN, USS PEORIA, USS NEW ORLEANS, AND USNS ANDREW J. HIGGINS
Jul 15, 1991	Arrive Jebel Ali, U. A. E.
Jul 17, 1991	Depart Jebel Ali, U. A. E.
Jul 18, 1991	CONREP USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN VERTREP USS INGRAHAM, USS LONG BEACH, USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN, USNS ANDREW J. HIGGINS
Jul 19, 1991	Arrive Bahrain
Jul 20, 1991	Depart Bahrain VERTREP USS MERRILL, HMAS DARWIN
Jul 21, 1991	VERTREP USS ARKANSAS, USS UNDERWOOD
Jul 22, 1991	VERTREP USS MCCLUSKY
Jul 24, 1991	Arrive Jebel Ali, U. A. E.
Jul 29, 1991	Depart Jebel Ali, U. A. E.
Jul 30, 1991	VERTREP USS BRISTOL COUNTY, USS PELELIU
Jul 31, 1991	VERTREP USS COMSTOCK, USS CLEVELAND
Aug 01, 1991	Arrive Bahrain
Aug 03, 1991	Depart Bahrain

Aug 04, 1991	VERTREP USS KAUFMAN, USS MERRILL, USS GUARDIAN, USS LEADER
Aug 05, 1991	VERTREP USS ARKANSAS, USS MCCLUSKY
Aug 06, 1991	Arrive Jebel Ali, U. A. E.
Aug 08, 1991	Depart Jebel Ali, U. A. E.
Aug 09, 1991	CONREP USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN VERTREP USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN, USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN, USS GARY, USS INGRAHAM
Aug 10, 1991	CONREP USS LONG BEACH
Aug 11, 1991	Arrive Jebel Ali, U. A. E.
Aug 16, 1991	Depart Jebel Ali, U. A. E.
Aug 17, 1991	Arrive Bahrain
Aug 19, 1991	Depart Bahrain VERTREP USS INGRAHAM
Aug 20, 1991	VERTREP USS CLEVELAND, USS COMSTOCK, USS PELELIU, USS BRISTOL COUNTY PCO Flown to Ship by HC5 CH-46 Helicopter
Aug 22, 1991	VERTREP USS GARY, USS LONG BEACH
Aug 23, 1991	CONREP USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN, VERTREP USS PYRO, USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN Refuel at sea from USS ROANOKE
Aug 24, 1991	Arrive Jebel Ali, U. A. E.
Aug 30, 1991	Change of Command: CAPT Weber relieves CAPT Patton as Commanding Officer.
Sep 03, 1991	Depart Jebel Ali, U. A. E. CONREP USS GUARDIAN
Sep 04, 1991	VERTREP USS MERRILL, USS LEADER, USS ADROIT, USS ARKANSAS, USS UNDERWOOD, USS MCCLUSKY
Sep 05, 1991	VERTREP USS PECOS
Sep 06, 1991	Anchored Central Arabian Gulf Steel Beach Picnic and study time for Navy Wide Exam
Sep 07, 1991	Underway for Jebel Ali, U. A. E. Navy Wide Exam held on mess decks
Sep 08, 1991	Arrive Jebel Ali, U. A. E.

Sep 10, 1991	Depart Jebel Ali, U. A. E.
Sep 11, 1991	VERTREP USS PELELIU, USS BRISTOL COUNTY, USS CLEVELAND, USS COMSTOCK
Sep 12, 1991	VERTREP USS INGRAHAM, USS GARY
Sep 13, 1991	Arrive Bahrain
Sep 15, 1991	Depart Bahrain
Sep 16, 1991	Arrive Jebel Ali, U. A. E.
Sep 19, 1991	Depart Jebel Ali, U. A. E.
Sep 20, 1991	VERTREP USS PYRO, USS PECOS Refuel at sea from USS ROANOKE
Sep 21, 1991	VERTREP USS ARKANSAS, USS STARK, USS MCCLUSKY
Sep 23, 1991	Arrive Bahrain
Sep 25, 1991	Depart Bahrain
Sep 26, 1991	Arrive Jebel Ali, U. A. E.
Oct 05, 1991	Depart Jebel Ali, U. A. E.
Oct 06, 1991	Arrive Bahrain
Oct 08, 1991	Depart Bahrain
Oct 09, 1991	Arrive Jebel Ali, U. A. E.
Oct 12, 1991	USS ROANOKE Stinger Detachment embark
Oct 13, 1991	Depart Jebel Ali, U. A. E.
Oct 14, 1991	VERTREP USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN and USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN Stinger Detachment embark
Oct 15, 1991	VERTREP USS PELELIU, USS BRISTOL COUNTY, USS COMSTOCK, USS CLEVELAND
Oct 17, 1991	USS ROANOKE Stinger missiles arrive onboard VERTREP USS PECOS
Oct 18, 1991	Arrive Bahrain
Oct 19, 1991	Depart Bahrain
Oct 20, 1991	VERTREP USS ELLIOT, USS PEORIA, USS TRUXTON

Oct 21, 1991	VERTREP USS SAIPAN, USS NASHVILLE, USS HARLAN COUNTY
Oct 22, 1991	Arrive Jebel Ali, U. A. E.
Oct 27, 1991	Depart Jebel Ali, U. A. E. VERTREP USS A. W. RADFORD
Oct 29, 1991	VERTREP USS EISENHOWER, USS MAHAN, USS BAINBRIDGE, USS ELROD, USS TICONDEROGA, USS MOUNT BAKER
Oct 30, 1991	Outchop from COMNAVCENT
Oct 31, 1991	Steel Beach Picnic for Halloween
Nov 05, 1991	Arrive Phuket, Thailand for Liberty
Nov 09, 1991	Depart Phuket, Thailand
Nov 15, 1991	Arrive Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines
Nov 18, 1991	Depart Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines
Nov 21, 1991	Arrive Homeport Guam, Commence Standdown
Nov 25, 1991	Underway for Storm Evasion of Typhoon Yuri
Nov 28, 1991	Arrive Homeport Guam, Recommence Standown
Dec 09, 1991	Secure from Standdown
Dec 20, 1991	Start Holiday Routine Ship's Christmas Party
Dec 26, 1991	Holiday Routine Ends



## NARRATIVE

1991 was a busy year for the USS WHITE PLAINS. Coming off a deployment at the end of 1990 and heading right into a Docked Phased Maintenance Availability (DPMA) period, we continued the hard work and diligence that earned the USS WHITE PLAINS the Battle "E" for the period ending 31 December 1990, which the ship was awarded 06 April 1991. The year began for WHITE PLAINS January 2, 1991 when the ship began DPMA and dry dock at Ship Repair Facility, Guam. When Operation Desert Storm was officially declared, we increased our pace and, with the help of SRF Guam, successfully completed DPMA and light off exams to get out to the fleet in support of Desert Storm as soon as possible. During this yard period, the ship was outfitted with a new enlisted female berthing area, capable of housing 21 junior enlisted. On 19 May 1991, the first compliment of our enlisted females arrived just in time to join us for deployment. With very little work up, we deployed for the Persian Gulf on 21 May. After a quick load out in Subic Bay, Philippines for some needed supplies and materials, and a brief stop in Phuket, Thailand for liberty, we accomplished a brief turn over with the USS NIAGARA FALLS on the 9th of June and arrived in Fujirah, U. A. E. on the 12th of June.

Deployed in support of the conflict with Iraq, we accomplished connected and vertical replenishment with three carrier task groups, two amphibious task groups, a series of mine sweepers, and several units operating independently in the Persian Gulf. These units were provided with an array of supplies from consumables to fuel, repair parts and mail. In all, approximately 1622 tons of soda, 1656 tons of dry goods and repair parts, 1720 tons of frozen and chilled goods and 53,000 pounds of mail were delivered to units operating in support of Desert Storm and Desert Sweep. WHITE PLAINS operated extensively from the ports of Jebel Ali, U. A. E. and Bahrain, typically loading supplies in Jebel Ali, transiting to Bahrain - often replenishing a group of ships in route, loading out in Bahrain, and replenishing an operating unit on our way back to Jebel Ali. The operation ran all the more smoothly, as we left a permanent support detachment in Jebel Ali port to maintain the U.S. controlled warehouses, interact with the local buyers, and ensure that U.S. Naval vessels entering the port could be satisfactorily loaded with the supplies they needed to support the Operation in the Persian Gulf.

On 26 June 1991, the USS WHITE PLAINS responded to an emergency medical call to a merchant vessel in the Persian Gulf. The Motor Vessel Olympia had radioed that they had an injured man onboard. White Plains helicopters were immediately sortied to the vessel with the ship's doctor onboard. The injured crew member was successfully evacuated to a nearby civilian hospital. The ship's quick response was credited with saving the man's life.

The eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the Republic of the Philippines, that occurred on June 14th, had a minor effect on our operations at the time, creating an added lag time for delivery of needed repair parts and mail, mainly due to the disruption to the flight paths that had once passed through Clark Air Base and the Cubi Point Air Facility. It was not uncommon in the months that followed, to receive dry goods and mail that had passed through the Philippines with some amount of volcanic ash in or around the packaging.

Half way through deployment the ship experienced a Change of Command, in a ceremony held onboard inport Jebel Ali, U. A. E., where Captain Bernard W. Patton was relieved by Captain Robin Y. Weber.

After a busy and productive deployment, WHITE PLAINS out chopped from the Persian Gulf operating area on the 30th of October. After another brief stop in Thailand for some well deserved liberty, we arrived in Subic Bay, Philippines to off load supplies, then sailed on to home port arriving in Apra Harbor, Guam on 21 November.

A mere four days later, on the 25th of November, the ship sortied to avoid super typhoon Yuri. The storm struck the south end of Guam with great force causing a great deal of damage to the island. The crew celebrated Thanksgiving onboard in heavy seas. We returned to port on 28 November to spend the remainder of the year with our families and friends.

CAPTAIN ROBIN Y. WEBER

UNITED STATES NAVY

Captain Weber was born in (b)(6), Texas. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Commerce from the University of Virginia in 1969 and was commissioned through the NROTC program.

Following designation as a Naval Aviator in April 1971, Captain Weber entered Replacement Pilot Training in the RA-5C Vigilante and completed two carrier deployments in RVAH-9 aboard USS FORRESTAL (CV-59) and USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62). His first shore tour was as a Flight Instructor in the TA-4J at NAS Kingsville, Texas, where Captain Weber also earned a master of Arts Degree in Management from Webster College. Upon transitioning to the A-6E Intruder in 1978 at VA-42 in Virginia Beach, Virginia, Captain Weber served in VA-85 aboard USS FORRESTAL. He returned to VA-42 as an instructor and then served as the Readiness Officer for Commander, Medium Attack Wing ONE. His next sea tour was in 1983 in CVW-3 aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67) followed by a tour as Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of VA-5 aboard USS CORAL SEA (CV-43). In 1986 Captain Weber reported to VA-42 as Commanding Officer, followed by a tour on the staff of Commander, Naval Air Forces, U. S. Atlantic Fleet. In 1989 he reported to USS AMERICA (CV-66) and served for two years as Executive Officer. Captain Weber assumed command of USS WHITE PLAINS 30 August, 1991.

Captain Weber's awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross with Combat "V"; five Meritorious Service Medals and the Navy Achievement Medal.

He has accumulated over 5,000 flight hours and 850 carrier arrested landings.

He is accompanied in Guam by his wife and two daughters.

Enclosure (3)